

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy, Janet Smith and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Chief Art Reed, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Jack Burke, Alden Purrington and Ray Trueman and Wendy Chase.

Chief Reed updated the Selectmen on the felony arrest that took place last night. The case involved both Newmarket and Newfields.

Chief Reed also updated the Board on the Speed and DWI grants.

Chief Reed discussed the following future goals he has for the Police Department:

- National accreditation. Newfields has successfully reached State accreditation and the next step would be National accreditation. This would involve extensive training for all part time officers.
- Hire a full time Officer to replace part time Officers. Eliminating part time Officers would increase chances of National accreditation.
- Addressed space needs of the Police Department. This would also increase the chances of National accreditation.

Chief Reed informed the Board that he would like to attend the 10 week FBI academy for Police Chiefs. He would also like to attend IPC School which is put on by the Chiefs of Police Association. The class educates towns on building new Police Stations/Safety Complexes. It has not yet been determined what State the IPC class will be held.

The Chief and the Board of Selectmen discussed full-time Officers vs. part-time Officers and the effect it has on the Police budget. James requested that the Chief put figures together for the budget on the different scenarios.

James agreed that the space issue in the Police Department has to be dealt with. Janet would like to survey area towns comparable to the size of Newfields and see how their Police Departments are set up.

The Trustees of the Trust Funds came before the Board to explain their responsibilities and duties.

The Selectmen would like to set up a meeting with Registrar, Terry Knowels, the Library Trustees, Cemetery Trustees and Trustees of the Trust funds to help educate the Trustees and the Board of Selectmen on the different trustee's responsibilities and laws to follow by. James will contact Terry Knowels to set up a meeting date and time.

Jack Burke will be moving out of town and resigning as Trustee of the Trust Funds. Alden Purrington will take over the computer work associated with the Trusts. The Selectmen signed the Deputy Fire Warden appointments.

The Selectmen signed a cemetery deed.

The Selectmen signed a reimbursement request to the Trustees of the Trust Funds to reimburse the Town General Fund \$395.00 from the Newlin Trust for work done on the Newlin property. Wendy handed the request to Jack Burke, he will transfer the money.

Correspondence from Bobbie Byrne was reviewed. The Board responded with; the Building Facilities is currently in the midst of a space needs analysis for the town departments and related entities which includes storage of files and similar items addressed in Ms. Byrne's letter. The Selectmen recognize the need for storage of these items and looks forward on working with the Committee and town departments to find permanent solutions.

The oil bid was discussed. James made a motion to contract with Hartmann Oil Company for the fixed rate of \$1.99 per gallon, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

The elderly exemption was discussed. Any changes made to the elderly exemption would have to be voted on at the March Town Meeting.

The Selectmen will be meeting at the Clark residence on Saturday, August 27th at 10:00am without cameras.

James updated the Board on the proposed Salt Shed easement. James walked the site with David Dwyer and Fran Lane. David will be helping with the description of the easement. Fran would like a copy of the Sewer Treatment Plant plan.

Ray Buxton will not be at the public hearing for the fall/spring cleanup days next week. He has suggested that the waste containers go inside the Sewer Treatment Plant gates so that the gates can be closed and locked at noon.

Roberta made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2005, James seconded and all were in favor.

James made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2005, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:45pm and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase

